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SUBJECT: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING -- ITALIAN DEBRIEFING AT NATO

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

SUMMARY: ITALIAN DEFRIEF ON FEBRUARY 13 EC FONMINS' DISCUSSIONS
SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN CSCE POSITION OF THE NINE. END SUMMARY.

1. IN AFTERNOON SESSION, FEBRUARY 14, ITALIAN PERMREP CATALONO
GAVE NON-NINE NATO DELS READ-OUT ON EC FONMINS' FEBRUARY 13
DISCUSSIONS ON CSCE (DUBLIN 297 NOTAL).

2. CATALANO DISTRIBUTED TEXT OF AN ORAL REPORT GIVEN BY IRISH
FONMIN TO FOCUS DEBATE ON CSCE. THE REPORT, SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED
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BY THE EC FONMINS, CLOSELY PARALLELED THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS'
JANUARY 23-24 DISCUSSIONS ON CSCE (DUBLIN 162 NOTAL) AND POSITION
TAKEN BY NINE IN FEBRUARY 7 NAC MEETING (USNATO 694 NOTAL).
THE NINE THUS REPEATED THEIR SATISFACTION AT PROGRESS IN CERTAIN

CSCE AREAS AND THEIR CONCERN THAT ALL PROBLEMS OF INTEREST TO THE EC HAD NOT YET BEEN RESOLVED. POINTING TO THE SLOW PACE OF THE WORK IN GENEVA, THE NINE URGED TIMELY CONCLUSION OF CSCE BY ACCELERATING WORK IN THE VARIOUS SUBSTANTIVE COMMISSIONS. NINE AGREED THAT THE CONFERENCE COULD BE CONCLUDED BY EARLY SUMMER IF ALL PARTICIPANTS MADE A REAL EFFORT TOWARD THAT GOAL. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT EC VIEWS ON CSCE PACING, ITALIAN POLITICAL COUNSELOR FERRETTI, WHO HAD ATTENDED DUBLIN MEETING, SAID NINE WOULD NOT PLACE INTEREST IN AN EARLY CSCE CONCLUSION ABOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR SOLID ACHIEVEMENT ON SUBSTANCE.

3. IN DISCUSSING WORK IN VARIOUS CSCE BASKETS, CATALANO REITERATED CONTINUED EC SUPPORT FOR THE US JULY 26 TEXT ON PEACEFUL CHANGE. MOREOVER, THE NINE WANTED TO GUARANTEE ACCEPTABLE PLACEMENT OF PEACEFUL CHANGE LANGUAGE BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF A FIRST READING OF THE PRINCIPLES DECLARATION. THE NINE ALSO NOTED NEUTRALS' DIFFICULTIES WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES (QRR) TEXT SUPPORTED BY THE US, UK AND FRANCE. IN AMPLIFYING ON THIS POINT, FERRETTI SAID THAT A MINORITY OF THE NINE (EVIDENTLY INCLUDING ITALY) BELIEVED THAT THE QRR LANGUAGE MIGHT ULTIMATELY REQUIRE CHANGE TO MEET NEUTRAL CONCERNS. THE NINE REPEATED THEIR INTEREST IN MEANINGFUL CMBS APPLICABLE TO ALL OF EUROPE, WITH SOME RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL SOVIET AND TURKISH CONCERNS.

4. EC FONMINS AGREED THAT PROBLEMS OF MFN TREATMENT, RECIPROCITY AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED IN BASKET II. IN BASKET III, RESULTS WERE DEFINED AS "NON-NEGLEGIBLE" BUT NEEDING FURTHER EFFORT IF ALL ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS WERE TO BE MET.

5. ON CSCE FOLLOW-ON, THE NINE AGREED TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE DANISH PROPOSAL WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT THE FOLLOW-ON PROBLEM MIGHT SOON MOVE TO THE FORE IN GENEVA. SIMILARLY, THE NINE AGREED TO CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR THE ITALIAN DRAFT MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION. THEY ALSO AGREED TO CONTINUE THEIR EXAMINATION OF THE FORM TO BE GIVEN TO THE FINAL CSCE DOCUMENT IN ORDER TO PROTECT EC INTERESTS.
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6. IN RESPONSE TO CANADIAN PERMREP'S QUESTION ABOUT OTHER MATTERS "OF INTEREST TO THE 15" DISCUSSED AT DUBLIN, CATALANO REFERRED TO FONMINS' DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS AND CIRCULATED TEXT OF THE EC CYPRUS STATEMENT TRANSMITTED DUBLIN 303 (NOTAL).

CATALANO ADDED NINE HAD DISCUSSED PROBLEM "IN WHICH WHOLE WORLD WAS INTERESTED" BUT OFFERED NO DETAILS. FONMINS HAD ALSO DISCUSSED OTHER SUBJECTS BUT DECISION PROCESS WAS NOT FAR ENOUGH ALONG FOR PRESENTATION TO THE FIFTEEN.
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